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| 1  | MR. PATTON: What time is it, Mike?             |
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| 2  | MR. MATTSON: I have 11:19.                     |
| 3  | MR. PATTON: All right. It is 11:19             |
| 4  | a.m., October 31, 2012. I'm Thomas Patton, a   |
| 5  | Deputy Attorney General. This is Michael       |
| 6  | Mattson, an agent investigator with our        |
| 7  | Department of Justice.                         |
| 8  | And you, ma'am, are Lisa                       |
| 9  | MS. CORONADO: Lisa Coronado.                   |
| 10 | MR. PATTON: How do you spell your              |
| 11 | last name?                                     |
| 12 | MS. CORONADO: C-O-R-O-N-A-D-O.                 |
| 13 | MR. PATTON: And we wanted to see               |
| 14 | you work where?                                |
| 15 | MS. CORONADO: I work in the budget             |
| 16 | office.  |
| 17 | MR. PATTON: At State Parks and                 |
| 18 | Recreation? That's where we were today.        |
| 19 | MS. CORONADO: Yes.                             |
| 20 | MR. PATTON: And you've worked in               |
| 21 | the budget office at State Parks for how long? |
| 22 | MS. CORONADO: It's about twenty                |
| 23 | years.   |
| 24 | MR. PATTON: Okay.                              |
| 25 | MS. CORONADO: Around there.                    |
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| 1  | MR. PATTON: So back to like '92?           |
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| 2  | MS. CORONADO: Uh-huh.                      |
| 3  | MR. PATTON: Is that you've                 |
| 4  | always been in the budget office at Parks? |
| 5  | MS. CORONADO: No. I've been in the         |
| 6  | contracts office.                          |
| 7  | MR. PATTON: Before '92?                    |
| 8  | MS. CORONADO: Yes. Business                |
| 9  | services, at the what's now called the     |
| 10 | Office of Grants and Local Services.       |
| 11 | MR. PATTON: Um-hum.                        |
| 12 | MS. CORONADO: It used to be called         |
| 13 | grants office.                             |
| 14 | MR. PATTON: When did you start at          |
| 15 | Parks?                                     |
| 16 | MS. CORONADO: I started in 1979            |
| 17 | MR. PATTON: Okay.                          |
| 18 | MS. CORONADO: November 1st. I              |
| 19 | got an anniversary coming up.              |
| 20 | MR. PATTON: You've got thirty-three        |
| 21 | years in.                                  |
| 22 | MS. CORONADO: Yes.                         |
| 23 | MR. PATTON: So your first from             |
| 24 | '79 to '92, you were in some different     |
| 25 | sections.                                  |
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| 1   | MS. CORONADO: Yes.                           |
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| 2   | MR. PATTON: Always you've always             |
| 3   | been in admin services?                      |
| 4   | MS. CORONADO: No.                            |
| 5   | MR. PATTON: No.                              |
| 6   | MS. CORONADO: No. With Grants,               |
| 7   | it's their own division.                     |
| 8   | MR. PATTON: Okay. But then, since            |
| 9   | then, you'd mentioned contracts              |
| 10  | MS. CORONADO: Um-hum.                        |
| 11  | MR. PATTON: business services.               |
| 12  | MS. CORONADO: Yes.                           |
| 13  | MR. PATTON: Then you at some                 |
| 14  | point you came into admin services, and then |
| 15  | in '92, you went into the budget section.    |
| 16  | MS. CORONADO: Correct.                       |
| 17  | MR. PATTON: And what had been your           |
| 18  | positions in the budget section?             |
| 19  | MS. CORONADO: Mainly I worked on             |
| 20  | the local assistance program.                |
| 21  | MR. PATTON: Okay.                            |
| 22  | MS. CORONADO: And I was hired for            |
| 23  | that position, and I stayed in that position |
| 2 4 | until about a year and a half ago. Then we   |
| 25  | revamped the whole office. And so we used to |
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| 1  | have just people working on support budget. I |
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| 2  | was local assistance, had concessions. And    |
| 3  | then we had people working on the capital     |
| 4  | outlay program. About a year and a half ago,  |
| 5  | they switched us all up, and now each of us   |
| 6  | has a piece of the support budget, local      |
| 7  | assistance, and capital outlay.               |
| 8  | MR. PATTON: Okay. In the '90s                 |
| 9  | MS. CORONADO: Um-hum.                         |
| 10 | MR. PATTON: when you you                      |
| 11 | started in Budgets in '92. What was your      |
| 12 | first position in Budgets?                    |
| 13 | MS. CORONADO: I was a budget                  |
| 14 | analyst                                       |
| 15 | MR. PATTON: Okay.                             |
| 16 | MS. CORONADO: associate budget                |
| 17 | analyst.                                      |
| 18 | MR. PATTON: In the '90s through               |
| 19 | until, you know, like 2000, your first eight  |
| 20 | or ten years in Budgets                       |
| 21 | MS. CORONADO: Um-hum.                         |
| 22 | MR. PATTON: did you ever have                 |
| 23 | any assignments that involved helping in the  |
| 24 | preparation of the galleys, the budget        |
| 25 | documents                                     |
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| 1  | MS. CORONADO: Yes                              |
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| 2  | MR. PATTON: for Finance?                       |
| 3  | MS. CORONADO: for local                        |
| 4  | assistance.                                    |
| 5  | MR. PATTON: For local assistance.              |
| 6  | MS. CORONADO: Yes.                             |
| 7  | MR. PATTON: Okay. You ever do any              |
| 8  | work with regard to the State Parks and Rec    |
| 9  | Fund?  |
| 10 | MS. CORONADO: No, because local                |
| 11 | assistance doesn't have any SPRF funding.      |
| 12 | MR. PATTON: Okay. So and I'm                   |
| 13 | sorry. Have you today you're doing what?       |
| 14 | You're still local assistance?                 |
| 15 | MS. CORONADO: I have a piece of the            |
| 16 | local assistance budget                        |
| 17 | MR. PATTON: Uh-huh.                            |
| 18 | MS. CORONADO: support and                      |
| 19 | capital outlay.                                |
| 20 | MR. PATTON: Have you ever worked on            |
| 21 | any of the budget documentation for either the |
| 22 | SPRF or the OHV?                               |
| 23 | MS. CORONADO: OHV, because local               |
| 24 | assistance has OHV funding.                    |
| 25 | MR. PATTON: Okay.                              |
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| 1  | MS. CORONADO: So I used to have               |
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| 2  | some involvement with the fund condition      |
| 3  | statement only for the                        |
| 4  | MR. PATTON: For OHV?                          |
| 5  | MS. CORONADO: Yes, for local                  |
| 6  | assistance only, not for support or capital   |
| 7  | outlay.                                       |
| 8  | MR. PATTON: Okay. For the local               |
| 9  | assistance component of the OHV budget.       |
| 10 | MS. CORONADO: Correct.                        |
| 11 | MR. PATTON: Okay.                             |
| 12 | MS. CORONADO: But that's been                 |
| 13 | several years now                             |
| 14 | MR. PATTON: Okay.                             |
| 15 | MS. CORONADO: since our previous              |
| 16 | Budget Officer when she retired, Becky        |
| 17 | Brown. I think I might have done it maybe a   |
| 18 | couple of years after she left, and then they |
| 19 | haven't asked for the information from us     |
| 20 | so  |
| 21 | MR. PATTON: Done at the local                 |
| 22 | assistance part of the OHV?                   |
| 23 | MS. CORONADO: Right. And I'm                  |
| 24 | thinking maybe they just take it off of the   |
| 25 | Schedule 10s because that's where we pull our |
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| 1  | numbers from.                                  |
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| 2  | MR. PATTON: Okay. And the revenue              |
| 3  | and expenditures                               |
| 4  | MS. CORONADO: Expenditures                     |
| 5  | MR. PATTON: reports.                           |
| 6  | MS. CORONADO: carry-overs                      |
| 7  | MR. PATTON: Okay.                              |
| 8  | MS. CORONADO: from the Schedule                |
| 9  | 10s, which is what we used for                 |
| 10 | MR. PATTON: So you've never had any            |
| 11 | involvement in helping put together the SPRF   |
| 12 | budget?  |
| 13 | MS. CORONADO: No.                              |
| 14 | MR. PATTON: Okay. Had you ever,                |
| 15 | have you ever seen here's a memo from          |
| 16 | this is from someone at the Department of      |
| 17 | Finance in 2002, April 8, 2002.                |
| 18 | MS. CORONADO: Okay.                            |
| 19 | MR. PATTON: And it's a memo saying,            |
| 20 | a recent State Controller's Office review      |
| 21 | reveals there's some discrepancies between the |
| 22 | controller's annual report and what's in the   |
| 23 | governor's budget.                             |
| 24 | MS. CORONADO: Um-hum.                          |
| 25 | MR. PATTON: And there was an                   |
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| 1  | attachment where they're showing three Park    |
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| 2  | funds, the OHV, the SPRF, and the Winter       |
| 3  | Recreation Fund, and they're highlighting      |
| 4  | that there's some disparities in the           |
| 5  | controller's this first column here is the     |
| 6  | controller's I want to go to the SPRF, 41      |
| 7  | million plus                                   |
| 8  | MS. CORONADO: Uh-huh.                          |
| 9  | MR. PATTON: What's that, 41.5                  |
| 10 | million as a balance report in controller's    |
| 11 | report, and 19,096,000 is the balance reported |
| 12 | for SPRF in the governor's budget              |
| 13 | MS. CORONADO: Uh-huh.                          |
| 14 | MR. PATTON: so that there's a                  |
| 15 | 22,765,000 dollar disparity. Have you ever     |
| 16 | seen any memo like this?                       |
| 17 | MS. CORONADO: No, I don't think so.            |
| 18 | MR. PATTON: Okay.                              |
| 19 | MS. CORONADO: I can't recall.                  |
| 20 | MR. PATTON: Okay.                              |
| 21 | MS. CORONADO: It doesn't look                  |
| 22 | familiar.                                      |
| 23 | MR. PATTON: So you there was                   |
| 24 | these came in there's another memo in '03,     |
| 25 | and we actually there's some earlier memos     |
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| 1  | there. I've got one from '98-'99. Every        |
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| 2  | year   |
| 3  | MS. CORONADO: Uh-huh.                          |
| 4  | MR. PATTON: there would be some                |
| 5  | disparities, and in fact, I've got sheets that |
| 6  | show that it's not just Parks but in all kinds |
| 7  | of different agencies' special funds.          |
| 8  | MS. CORONADO: Uh-huh.                          |
| 9  | MR. PATTON: There's a document that            |
| 10 | was put together showing, you know, and asking |
| 11 | agencies to reconcile different balances.      |
| 12 | You've never been asked to take a look at      |
| 13 | anything like that and try to help             |
| 14 | MS. CORONADO: No.                              |
| 15 | MR. PATTON: reconcile?                         |
| 16 | MS. CORONADO: No.                              |
| 17 | MR. PATTON: Okay. I was made aware             |
| 18 | that back in about this time, around '02       |
| 19 | '01-'02, Dorothy Kroll who was then not the    |
| 20 | head of accounting but one of the she was      |
| 21 | one of the support people in accounting. She   |
| 22 | told us that she did she was asked to go to    |
| 23 | work on trying to identify trying to           |
| 24 | address these memos and why there's a          |
| 25 | disparity, and that she gave a presentation    |
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| 21 MD DATEON: We first leaded at a   |  |
| MR. PATTON: We just looked at a  |  |
| 22 cubicle that's got five file cabinets that I'm  |  |
| told are Becky Brown records that she saved,   |  |
| 24 and I just kind of glanced through a whole  |  |
| bunch of stuff, and we got all kinds of  |  |
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| 1  | historical things.                            |
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| 2  | MS. CORONADO: Right.                          |
| 3  | MR. PATTON: Have you ever have                |
| 4  | you seen what's in those file cabinets ever?  |
| 5  | MS. CORONADO: Not for a while. I              |
| 6  | mean, when I was it's probably been a         |
| 7  | couple of years or so, maybe longer, when I   |
| 8  | would have to get some information on you     |
| 9  | could always depend on those files because    |
| 10 | those files are they got a lot of             |
| 11 | information. She kept good files. So if you   |
| 12 | needed information on something that happened |
| 13 | years ago, you could always go to those files |
| 14 | and you're going to find it.                  |
| 15 | MR. PATTON: There's a lot of                  |
| 16 | history in those files, huh?                  |
| 17 | MS. CORONADO: Yes, yes, there is.             |
| 18 | MR. PATTON: Yeah.                             |
| 19 | MS. CORONADO: I don't think                   |
| 20 | MR. PATTON: I was glancing through            |
| 21 | and I saw folders for individual park sites   |
| 22 | MS. CORONADO: Um-hum.                         |
| 23 | MR. PATTON: and different                     |
| 24 | events. And I saw maps and brochures and the  |
| 25 | old logo stickers.                            |
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| 1  | MS. CORONADO: Right.                           |
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| 2  | MR. PATTON: What kind of things                |
| 3  | would you go looking for in those files?       |
| 4  | MS. CORONADO: Well, a lot of times             |
| 5  | with the local assistance, if I needed to look |
| 6  | back for prior legislation on some funding     |
| 7  | that maybe was I've had to look back for       |
| 8  | just funding information                       |
| 9  | MR. PATTON: Yeah.                              |
| 10 | MS. CORONADO: you know, specific               |
| 11 | funds, she'll have when the fund was how it    |
| 12 | was enacted                                    |
| 13 | MR. PATTON: Okay.                              |
| 14 | MS. CORONADO: that kind of                     |
| 15 | stuff.   |
| 16 | MR. PATTON: When it was created?               |
| 17 | MS. CORONADO: Yeah. And so you                 |
| 18 | could go back and look for those kinds of      |
| 19 | things.  |
| 20 | MR. PATTON: So you've gone into                |
| 21 | those files on a number of occasions?          |
| 22 | MS. CORONADO: Um-hum.                          |
| 23 | MR. PATTON: Have you heard and I               |
| 24 | saw them. I mean, they're chock-full. Have     |
| 25 | you heard any suggestion that any of Becky     |
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| 1  | Brown's old files had been tossed out?        |
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| 2  | MS. CORONADO: I wouldn't think so             |
| 3  | out of those file cabinets.                   |
| 4  | MR. PATTON: You haven't heard a               |
| 5  | suggestion that any records had been          |
| 6  | eliminated.                                   |
| 7  | MS. CORONADO: And I have said,                |
| 8  | because I've been here for so long            |
| 9  | MR. PATTON: Yeah.                             |
| 10 | MS. CORONADO: and working on                  |
| 11 | local assistance, there's always something    |
| 12 | if you get rid of something, I don't care how |
| 13 | long you had it for, and something will come  |
| 14 | up just like a few months down the road and,  |
| 15 | oh my gosh, they're asking for that.          |
| 16 | MR. PATTON: Okay.                             |
| 17 | MS. CORONADO: I've always said, you           |
| 18 | cannot toss those kind of things. That's      |
| 19 | history. You've got to keep it. It's on the   |
| 20 | funds. It's very important to keep that. And  |
| 21 | weave always kept that kind of information in |
| 22 | the budget office.                            |
| 23 | MR. PATTON: Um-hum.                           |
| 24 | MS. CORONADO: And so now that we're           |
| 25 | expanding and we're running out of room, I    |
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| 1  | think they're going to go through those and    |
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| 2  | send them off to arrives, but don't get rid of |
| 3  | them; you can't get rid of them.               |
| 4  | MR. PATTON: Yeah. It looked to                 |
| 5  | me I mean, you've got boxes banker             |
| 6  | boxes  |
| 7  | MS. CORONADO: Oh, yeah.                        |
| 8  | MR. PATTON: of budget documents                |
| 9  | going back well, I mean, we just verified      |
| 10 | that we've got documents going back into the   |
| 11 | '90s   |
| 12 | MS. CORONADO: Oh, yeah.                        |
| 13 | MR. PATTON: and Elsie thinks                   |
| 14 | probably before that. I mean, she even         |
| 15 | MS. CORONADO: Um-hum.                          |
| 16 | MR. PATTON: she was able to pull               |
| 17 | up some stuff from the '60s.                   |
| 18 | MS. CORONADO: Um-hum.                          |
| 19 | MR. PATTON: But I mean, it's sort              |
| 20 | of like it piled up there. There's just boxes  |
| 21 | and boxes of stuff. So it's not                |
| 22 | MS. CORONADO: Yeah.                            |
| 23 | MR. PATTON: it's not easy to                   |
| 24 | determine everything                           |
| 25 | MS. CORONADO: Right.                           |
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| 1  | MR. PATTON: that's there. But                 |
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| 2  | you've never heard any suggestion that any of |
| 3  | Becky Brown's old records have been           |
| 4  | eliminated?                                   |
| 5  | MS. CORONADO: No, not Becky's                 |
| 6  | stuff. There might have been talk about       |
| 7  | getting rid of duplicates and things          |
| 8  | MR. PATTON: Okay.                             |
| 9  | MS. CORONADO: you know, like                  |
| 10 | MR. PATTON: Okay.                             |
| 11 | MS. CORONADO: BDPs and stuff                  |
| 12 | MR. PATTON: Good.                             |
| 13 | MS. CORONADO: but we have                     |
| 14 | duplicates so                                 |
| 15 | MR. PATTON: Good, good. Well,                 |
| 16 | that's encouraging to hear.                   |
| 17 | MS. CORONADO: Yeah.                           |
| 18 | MR. PATTON: Okay. That's really               |
| 19 | all we wanted to know.                        |
| 20 | MS. CORONADO: Okay.                           |
| 21 | MR. PATTON: And I didn't known                |
| 22 | whether or not you'd have any involvement in  |
| 23 | any of this trying to back in the day, back   |
| 24 | ten years ago trying to identify budget       |
| 25 | disparities. It sounds like you didn't so     |
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| 1  | MS. CORONADO: No, because like I          |
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| 2  | say, back then I was working strictly off |
| 3  | local assistance.                         |
| 4  | MR. PATTON: Yeah. Okay. Well, I           |
| 5  | really appreciate your time.              |
| 6  | MS. CORONADO: Oh, well, thank you.        |
| 7  | MR. PATTON: And we're done. We're         |
| 8  | going off the record at 11:30.            |
| 9  | MS. CORONADO: Okay.                       |
| 10 | MR. PATTON: Okay. Thanks, Lisa.           |
| 11 | MS. CORONADO: Okay. Thank you.            |
| 12 | (End of audio)                            |
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